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# Making Waves.

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# TIDE CHARTS

## TRACKING THE EBB AND FLOW OF COASTAL ENVIRONMENTALISM



SHUTTERSTOCK

The endangered green sea turtle.



PRIMELINE


Polycarbonate bottles.



DREAMSTIME


Pink coral.

### Cuba's Lookin' After Its Turtles

 (low getting high)


Cuba has banned the harvesting of all marine turtle species and products from its beaches and seas for an indefinite period, according to a Ministry of Fisheries Ministerial Resolution. This resolution is good news for the critically endangered hawksbill turtle, which feeds in Cuban waters (as well as the Caribbean's endangered greens and loggerheads). A \$400,000 grant will help the two fishing communities in southern Cuba that used to harvest marine turtles find sustainable economic alternatives. There will be some happy turtles down there now.

### Too Precious To Wear

 (low getting high)

Julia Louis-Dreyfus and The Tiffany & Co. Foundation—along with other elite jewelers and designers—have unveiled their *Too Precious to Wear* program, which is committed to coral conservation and raising consumer and industry awareness of the need to protect corals. This marks the first time that marine scientists and the fashion industry have joined forces to raise awareness of the threats facing corals and coral reefs. Red and pink corals—often found gracing womens' necks—have been fished for more than 5,000 years, but have shown serious signs of decline in the last 20 years. America is the biggest culprit of all and is responsible for 80 percent of the live coral taken from reefs (more than 400,000 pieces a year). So next time you play dress up, try some blood-less diamonds.

### Don't Boil Those Bottles

 (low getting high)

To combat our over-indulgent use of single-use plastic water bottles many eco-conscious people are turning to polycarbonate plastic alternatives. Wide-use of polycarbonate plastic products has led to studies at the University of Cincinnati, which examined the release of Bisphenol A (BPA)—an environmental estrogen—from said products. The team analyzed used polycarbonate water bottles from a local climbing gym and purchased new bottles of the same brand from an outdoor retail supplier. They found that there are no differences between BPA emissions from a new bottle or a nine-year-old one. However, BPA was released 55 times more rapidly after all the bottles—regardless of their age—were exposed to hot water. Scientists are still trying to determine the affects of BPA exposure to humans, but the chemical has been shown to affect reproduction and brain development in animal studies. So stay away from single-use plastic, but don't boil those polycarbonate bottles folks.

# Making Waves

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Jim makes freehand drawings in the sand using a wave-tossed stick.

# Repeat After Me ...

## I'LL NEVER USE ANOTHER PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE

Much of life is a gray area. We learn politically correct lingo, to straddle the fence and not take a stand, etc. Few things in life are black and white. But for me ... there ARE a few.

Something becomes black and white when, after I've educated myself as much as I can, I can no longer live/act the same as I did prior. Plastic water bottles fall into this category for me. Of course plastic water bottles aren't the only culprit, I'm simply trying to point out a very popular culprit. For me, all single-use plastic is in this same category.

To be blunt, I see plastic water bottles as ... wrong. I'm suggesting you give up using plastic water bottles.

I've "flipped a bit" (tech speak for moving from one category to the other) on this one. I understand that people are buying convenience as much as the water. But that convenience has a price larger than we may have signed up for.

"Bottled water is often simply an indulgence, and despite the stories we tell ourselves, it is not a benign indulgence. We're moving one billion bottles of water around a week in ships, trains, and trucks in the United States alone. That's a weekly convoy equivalent to 37,800 18-wheelers delivering water."  
—Fast Company

Some facts on those ubiquitous plastic water bottles ...

- North Americans spent \$15,000,000,000 on water in plastic bottles last year (\$46,000,000,000 spent globally).

- Tap water is, many times, quite good. San Francisco's water comes from inside Yosemite, it's so good the Environmental Protection Agency doesn't require San Francisco to filter it.

- Bottled water has massive hidden costs; think about the process to enable a New Yorker to drink water from Fiji.

- Americans consumed 50 billion plastic water bottles last year, 167 for each

person, made of totally recyclable polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic. Recycling rate for PET is 23%, which means we pitch 38 billion water bottles a year into landfills—more than \$1 billion worth of plastic.

- Every piece of (petroleum-based) plastic ever manufactured still exists.

- Plastic in the ocean may be one of the most alarming of today's environmental stories. Plastics, like diamonds, are forever because plastics do NOT biodegrade, no naturally occurring organisms can break these polymers down.

- Over 300,000 pieces of plastic per square mile have been found in the middle of the North Pacific Ocean. Eighty percent of the plastic comes from land-based sources.

- 100,000 marine mammals and 2 million sea birds die every year after ingesting or being caught in marine debris.

- Plastic is the most common type of marine litter world-wide.

- Globally, the proportion of plastic among marine debris world-wide ranges from 60 to 80%, although

it has reached over 90–95% in some areas.

- Plastics comprise up to 90% of floating marine debris.

- Etc.

And for you visual learners ... check out Algalita's *Synthetic Sea* ([www.algalita.org/video-order.html](http://www.algalita.org/video-order.html)).

Alternatives to plastic water bottles?

- Aluminum bottles
- Multi-use plastic bottles
- Other bottles

Now, repeat after me, "I will never use another plastic water bottle again."

—Jim Moriarty  
CEO, Surfrider Foundation

Sources: Plastic Debris Worldwide, Fast Company, Algalita, DWRP/NRDC, New York Times

Web resources: [http://oceanswavesbeaches.blogspot.com/2007/11/repeat-after-me-ill-never-use-another\\_16.html](http://oceanswavesbeaches.blogspot.com/2007/11/repeat-after-me-ill-never-use-another_16.html)



MARINE PHOTOBANK

# INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE REEF 2008

By Francis Staub, Chad Nelsen & Lia Colabello

Ask anyone to imagine a pristine ocean experience and odds are they picture a coral reef. Reefs are magical. They make the world's best surf spots, our best SCUBA and snorkeling spots and are one of the most important ecological habitats on earth—they are the rain forests of the sea. Sadly, coral reefs around the globe are succumbing to human abuse.

To raise awareness about the plight of coral reefs, a dedicated group of scientists, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and governments are gathering together to remind the world about the dangers our reefs face by designating 2008 as the International Year of the Reef (IYOR 2008). Surfrider Foundation is a member of this alliance and we are joining this somber celebration by building awareness throughout our network and taking action to save our reefs.

Not only do coral reefs generate world-class waves like Pipeline, Teahupo'o and G-Land, but they also support an extraordinary biodiversity, providing spawning, nursery, refuge and feeding areas for a large variety of organisms. Reef structures cause waves to break, but also play an important role of protecting coastlines by minimizing wave impacts from storms. Their beauties

make them a powerful attraction for surfing, diving and other coastal tourism, generating income and employment for millions of people around the world—even in remote areas of developing countries.

Unfortunately, the latest reports of the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network states that 20% of the world's coral reefs are essentially dead—damaged beyond repair. Another 24% of the remaining reefs are critically threatened—having a very high threat of destruction and only 50% are currently classified as low risk. The majority of reef damage is not deliberate. Coral reefs are being degraded by an accumulation of stresses arising from human activities (over-fishing, pollution and coastal development top the list of chronic stressors) and from long-term climate changes that are affecting the world's oceans.

The lack of understanding about coral reefs, how they function, their value to humans, and their vulnerability to human impacts is a major threat to these ecosystems. Education at every level—from international to national, from young children to university students—is absolutely critical to change behavior and protect coral reefs. The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), a broad partnership among governments, international organizations, and environmental organizations throughout the world, plans to increase global outreach on coral reefs by designating 2008 as IYOR 2008.

IYOR 2008 will build on the successes of IYOR 1997, which was declared in response to the increasing threats and loss of coral reefs.

Despite IYOR 1997's success in raising global awareness of threats to coral reefs, their destruction has only escalated and eleven years later, there is still an urgent need to increase awareness, to take action to conserve and manage coral reefs, and to ensure appreciation of their value to humanity.

The IYOR 2008 campaign will consist of a wide range of events and activities taking place throughout the year and around the world. Projects range from science workshops and report publications to beach clean ups and art exhibits. Everyone is welcome and actively encouraged to participate in IYOR 2008.

Check out Surfrider Foundation's International Year of the Reef 2008 Web site at [www.surfrider.org/iyor08](http://www.surfrider.org/iyor08). We will be sharing events,

Anenome soft coral.



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"Hey man, stop messin' with my crib!"

activities, photos and stories about how reefs are being celebrated and protected throughout our global network.

So next time you plan a trip to visit, surf or snorkel at a coral reef, take a minute to consider that reefs are one of the most threatened ecosystems on the planet and find a way to spread the word that reefs can be protected for our enjoyment, the health of the planet and for future generations.

*Francis Staub is the International Year of The Reef Coordinator, Chad Nelsen is Surfrider Foundation's Environmental Director and Lia Colabello is Surfrider Foundation's Global Relations Director.*



DREAMSTIME

Coral reefs are home to over 1 million diverse aquatic species, including thousands of fish species.

## HEALTHY CORAL REEFS PROVIDE:

- **Habitat:** Home to over 1 million diverse aquatic species, including thousands of fish species
- **Income:** Billions of dollars and millions of jobs in over 90 countries around the world
- **Food:** For people living near coral reefs, especially on small islands
- **Protection:** a natural barrier protecting coastal cities, communities and beaches
- **Medicine:** the potential for treatments for many of the world's most prevalent and dangerous illnesses and diseases

# ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT

**The San Juan County Marine Stewardship Area  
A bottom-up approach to Ecosystem-based Management.  
By Jody Kennedy**

In San Juan County, a local group of volunteers called the Marine Resources Committee (MRC), which includes a live-a-board boater/ Geographic Information System (GIS) junkie, fisherman, contractor, port commissioner, conservationist, shuttle boat operator, small business owner and land use planner, plus a couple of scientists, are working together to implement one of Washington State's leading models of Ecosystem-based Management. To those who know the jargon, this type of management is commonly called "EBM" and was defined in our last issue of *Making Waves* to essentially mean that when making management decisions, you need to account for the entire ecosystem, including humans. In the San Juans, not everyone involved in this initiative agrees on what EBM is, but they all agree that they are working to protect the entire local marine system, including all species, processes, human activities and the connections between them.

What brought this diverse group together was a love of the ocean combined with the knowledge that their local marine waters and adjacent shorelines were threatened and that, as a result, so was their quality of life. The San Juans are a cluster of about 200 islands that lie on the border between British Columbia's Georgia Basin and Washington State's Puget Sound. Located in a rich mixing zone of some of the Pacific Northwest's greatest rivers and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which connects Puget Sound to the Pacific Ocean, the San Juans collect and draw a magnificent array of sea life. Orcas, seals, porpoises, otters, and marine birds poke-a-dot the ocean's surface, while countless species of fish, invertebrates, algae and sea grass decorate the world below. Divers claim that the islands offer some of the best cold water diving in North America.

Like so many beautiful coastal places, the San Juans are developing at a rapid pace, natural habitats are being altered and the marine environment is showing signs of stress. Within the County, there are now over 40 listed species of concern. The local orca population, viewed as an indicator of marine health, is believed to carry the highest concentrations of toxins of any population in the world. Their numbers have dropped low enough that they are now listed under the Endangered Species Act. At the same time, opportunities for quality recreation, such as fishing, wildlife viewing and finding a quiet

As private residences cover the coastline, finding a friendly beach to launch or land a kayak has become a challenge.

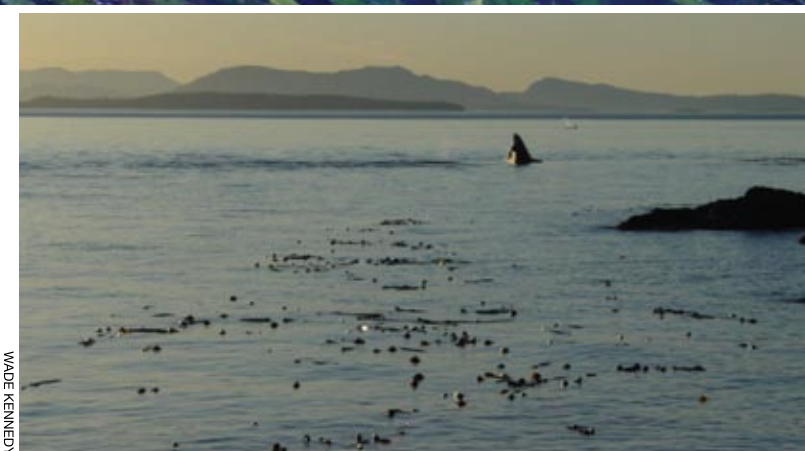
harbor to anchor a boat are diminishing and the once-pristine shorelines and hillsides are rapidly being covered with houses. Access is also a problem. As private residences cover the coastline, finding a friendly beach to launch or land a kayak has become a challenge.

Recognizing the threats to the islands' unique and rich marine environment, the County formed the MRC as a citizens advisory group to help protect the natural resources and character of the San Juans. At about the time the PEW Oceans Commission released a report that made ocean conservation recommendations calling for an ecosystem-based approach to replace historical methods that typically managed for particular species or habitat type, the MRC launched an EBM initiative from the bottom-up. To do this, they first approached the county government and requested that the entire County be designated a Marine Stewardship Area, which was officially adopted in January 2004. The designation set a course for the MRC to identify the key action steps toward a healthier and more sustainable island marine ecosystem for the natural resources and the benefit of the people who live, work and recreate there. Next, the MRC brought in partners from the Northwest Straits Initiative, The Nature Conservancy and SeaDoc Society to develop and implement a planning process that would identify conservation strategies that incorporated scientific knowledge and human-based priorities.

For the next two years, the MRC and partners worked to implement an adapted version of The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Action Plan. The process involved an assessment of the health of the ecosystem, identification and ranking of threats to the ecosystem and development of a prioritized list of strategies to address these threats. Interim steps established ecosystem indicators and measurable goals and, throughout the whole process, the team collected extensive input from the greater community. The process wrapped up with a final workshop with marine managers, interviews with local tribes and public meetings on the most populated islands. The outcome was an action plan for protecting and restoring the San

Juan marine ecosystem. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the San Juan County Council formally adopted the plan in front of a full chamber. Since the plan passed, the first true, no-fishing reserve was established around the Nature Conservancy's Yellow Island Preserve, the MRC received significant funds to engage community members and local businesses in minimizing impacts to the marine environment, and the Washington Department of Natural Resources committed to evaluating the County for an Aquatic Reserve designation, which will add new protections for bedlands and tidelands. In addition, the County launched the San Juan Initiative, a unique partnership, involving local, state, federal, and tribal representatives, working together to evaluate existing conservation programs (voluntary, regulatory and incentive-based) to identify protection gaps and develop strategies for improvement.

To learn more about the San Juan Marine Stewardship Area, visit: [www.sjcmrc.org/programs/msaplan.htm](http://www.sjcmrc.org/programs/msaplan.htm)  
Jody Kennedy is Surfrider Foundation's Washington Policy Coordinator.



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# A legacy of giving

## Photos courtesy of the Henry Family

Harriet Zaretsky & Steve Henry are continuing the family tradition of compassion and generous giving by choosing to support the Surfrider Foundation. When their 17-year-old son, Dillon, lost his life in a tragic car accident in July 2007, they knew one of the ways they wanted to keep his spirit alive was by helping the oceans Dillon so obviously loved, and they set up an endowed internship fund at the Surfrider Foundation in his memory.

Dillon Henry (DHen to his friends) loved his life, and his two greatest passions were writing and surfing. He showed great leadership qualities and was an honor student about to start his senior year at Palisades Charter High School, with a bright future ahead of him. He distinguished himself by his unwavering kindness toward others and an inclusiveness that touched everyone's hearts. He co-founded the Ocean Awareness Club at his high school, which quickly became the most popular club on campus and amassed more community service hours for students than any other club. Known for his loyalty to his friends, his warm, engaging and exceptional smile, his creativity, and his ability to act on his concerns for our planet and its inhabitants, Dillon's loss continues to have an enormous impact on his classmates, friends, and family.

No one was more devastated than his parents and sister Taylor. The shock of losing such a remarkable son and brother was immobilizing, but soon they understood how Dillon tried to make the world a better place, and it became their mission to continue his efforts. They created **Dillonslist.org**, and partnered with a handful of non-profit organizations that were in sync with Dillon's interests and passions. The goal of these partnerships is to create a worldwide community dedicated to education, children in need, human rights and the environment.

Harriet and Steve's partnership with Surfrider Foundation is a major milestone



as it represents the first gift of this sort and the beginning of a formal endowment for the organization. An endowment fund is similar to a permanent savings account. The amount given to the endowment is not spent, but the earnings from the principal are available for Surfrider to spend on campaigns and projects or for purposes specified by the donor. This fund began with a gift of \$100,000, and to date Dillon's friends and family have added nearly \$15,000 to the original donation. A portion of this came from the sale of over 400 specially designed Dillon tee shirts created by his close friends, Davis, Elliot and Gabe.

Upon making the gift Dillon's parents remarked, "We hope to carry on for Dillon, as we feel confident that he would have continued to try to reach out to others and engage them in working together to create better futures for us all. Dillon lived his life with purpose and with the knowledge of the joy that comes from giving."





Harriet and Steve are encouraging visitors to [www.Dillonslist.org](http://www.Dillonslist.org) to make donations to the Dillon Henry Memorial Internship Fund. This fund will provide, in perpetuity, monetary support to help young people pursue a career in coastal and marine conservation. These funds will provide stipends for at least two qualified interns annually to work with Surfrider Foundation's Environmental Department and/or Legal Department. With these funds, we can attract, hire and train the best and most committed interns each year. The idea of this gift was inspired by Dillon's passion for learning and his undeniable love of the oceans. Through this endowment, his giving spirit will continue to contribute and serve as an enduring legacy and tribute to his life.



Please visit [www.Dillonslist.org](http://www.Dillonslist.org) to learn more about Dillon and the legacy of giving his life inspired.

To learn more about endowments and memorial gifts please contact Steve Blank, Director of Development, at (949) 492-8170 extn. 40 or [sblank@surfrider.org](mailto:sblank@surfrider.org)

To learn more about internships at Surfrider Foundation visit: [www.surfrider.org/job3.asp](http://www.surfrider.org/job3.asp)

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## 2000 CLUB RELAUNCHED AS SURFRIDER FOUNDATION `OHANA

Based upon feedback from our members, we have decided to re-name and re-launch the 2000 Club. Effective January 1, 2008, the 2000 Club will change names and become the **Surfrider Foundation `Ohana**. `Ohana, a Hawaiian term meaning "extended family," is often used to describe a community, or circle of friends who share common goals. We can think of no better term to capture the spirit of this special group that comprises our most generous and loyal supporters.

All donors who contribute a cumulative total of \$2,000 or more each year will be considered part of the Surfrider `Ohana and will receive certain unique benefits including:

1) Invitations to unique members-only events nation-wide.

2) Special, limited-edition t-shirts, bumper stickers, books and other premiums.

3) Insider access to the Surfrider Foundation including podcasts, videos and updates from the CEO of the Surfrider Foundation.

Donors to the `Ohana have the option to direct their funds to a specific region or campaign. We hope that most members of the `Ohana will allow their gifts to remain unrestricted, as donations of this type remain the most difficult to raise, yet are the most important, as they allow Surfrider Foundation to respond to the most pressing environmental issues facing our oceans, waves and beaches, regardless of their location. However, for those who prefer to know that a significant portion of your donation is going to protect and preserve the coastal environment where you live, surf, and

play, this option to earmark your gift may be especially appealing. And—just a reminder—all donors can be confident that their donation is being used efficiently and responsibly, with approximately 85 cents of every dollar donated going back to the beach and ocean to support our mission-related program work in the field.

To learn more about the Surfrider Foundation `Ohana or to make a donation qualifying you as a member of this unique group, please contact Steve Blank, Director of Development at (949) 492-8170 extn. 40 or [sblank@surfrider.org](mailto:sblank@surfrider.org).

# STATE OF THE BEACH: EROSION RESPONSE



MARK MOREY

UC Santa Barbara student housing in Isla Vista. When the cliff erodes under the house, they simply shave off the house and keep renting!

Every year the *State of the Beach* report focuses on an indicator of beach health to provide more in-depth coverage on factors that contribute to keeping our beaches healthy for our enjoyment and the protection of the coastal environment. The 2008 *State of the Beach* will focus on the **erosion response** indicator.

Erosion response is a measure of how well coastal management decision makers work to limit the extent of shoreline armoring and unsustainable coastal development, and encourage alternatives to armoring. For example, are new development projects set back from the coast far enough to avoid coastal erosion problems? Are setback standards based on the latest erosion rates? When existing development is damaged during a storm is reconstruction prohibited or are there incentives provided for relocation? Are there statewide policies to implement relocation (“managed retreat”) or policies that consider relocation a viable option? Are states employing regional policies that take into account cumulative effects of non-natural shoreline alterations? An evaluation of these factors for each state serves to bring attention to the states that are taking a proactive role in minimizing beach destruction and protecting beach health for future generations.

Learn more at: [www.surfrider.org/stateofthebeach](http://www.surfrider.org/stateofthebeach)

## WAVE energy

Wave energy facilities have recently been proposed in several locations along the West and East Coasts of the United States and along the shores of other countries. United States locations include northern California, Oregon, Washington, Rhode Island and Florida (ocean current energy). Surfrider Foundation recognizes that wave energy may offer important benefits as a renewable source of energy, as well as a cutting-edge industry for coastal communities. We also recognize that there are many questions and concerns about wave energy, including potential impacts to ocean recreation, nearshore ecology, public safety, aesthetics, and fishing access. Surfers and other recreational ocean users are affected by the development of wave energy projects, and are a key stakeholder group in local and state planning efforts. To learn more about wave energy and other forms of offshore alternative energy projects, see our “Coastal A-Z” discussion of Alternative Ocean Energy at [www.surfrider.org/whatwedo4b.asp](http://www.surfrider.org/whatwedo4b.asp)

SHUTTERSTOCK

## WEST COAST

Surfrider Foundation's **Santa Barbara Chapter** recently elected a new Executive Committee for 2008. Along with some previous Executive Committee members who were re-elected, the Chapter also recruited four new members. The new members are **Matt Wallace, Michael Conway, Chris McDermut** and **Maggie McDermut**. Maggie and Chris are brother and sister. Chris attends Dos Pueblos and Maggie attends Santa Barbara High School. Maggie is one of our youngest Chapter Executive Committee members ever elected in the history of the Santa Barbara Chapter. In addition to her activism in the Chapter she is an avid horseback rider, loves the Gaviota coast and is active on Santa Barbara Youth Council. She was also volunteer coordinator of the Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival! With her youthful enthusiasm, brains, and talent the future for our environment is looking brighter every day.

The Chapter continues its battle against developers on the Gaviota Coast, one of the largest and last stretches of undeveloped coastline in Southern California. Currently, the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Santa Barbara Ranch development project—in a place on the Gaviota Coast known as Naples—is being picked apart by several different entities. Surfrider Foundation, who teamed up with the Environmental Defense Center, has found numerous deficiencies in the document, which fails to address significant environmental impacts which could be made by the project. With all of this activity on the legal front, the Chapter has had to step up fundraising efforts, and some of the Chapter's activists have come up with some fun and creative ways to bring in the money needed to continue fighting for cleaner beaches and oceans, and access for everyone.



KEN PALLEY

Maggie McDermut—the youngest EC member in Surfrider Foundation history—is sure to make some waves.



MATT WALLACE

"Naples" on the Gaviota Coast of Santa Barbara.

## MARTINIS AND BIKINIS

On January 12<sup>th</sup> over 300 people attended the **Surfrider Foundation Santa Barbara Chapter's** First Annual "Martinis and Bikinis," event to save the Gaviota Coast. Held at the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, it was a closing reception for the "Glass Love: Contemporary Art and Surf" exhibit, which



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Shaun Tomson, his wife Carla and actor Gregory Harrison.



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Chapter activists enjoy the festivities.

the Chapter co-sponsored. Local surf shops and community designers highlighted their 2008 men & women's swimwear and surfwear clothing lines, with local models styled by Salon U, who donated their services to do hair and make-up for 18 models! They didn't stop there, as salon owner Joel Patrick DJ'd the event following a tight set of instrumental surf music by local band, *Kelp*.

Food and drink donated by local purveyors, p.i.n.k. Vodka, Twin Fin Wines and New Belgium Brewing Company added

to the night's festivities. A raffle featuring a "Fat Tire" cruiser donated by New Belgium and a silent auction including donations of a Jason Kline *Third World* Surfboard, prints by renowned surf photographers Dan Merkel and Branden Aroyan, an autographed ukulele from Jack Johnson, and OS3 Skateboards gave the crowd ample opportunities to support the Chapter.

It was an amazing success, we raised over \$10,000 and increased the community's awareness of the development plans for the Gaviota coast. Tireless volunteers are already planning next year's event!



Musician John Butler shows his support for the Surfrider Foundation.



Activists brave the blustery cold at Ocean Beach, San Francisco for a special music-inspired beach cleanup.



Our young activists aren't afraid of anything, even "toothy" sharks!

Recently, Surfrider Foundation's **San Francisco Chapter** partnered with Music Matters, Save the Bay, Rock the Earth and Clif Bar, to hold a special cleanup event at Ocean Beach. Despite the blustery weather, the event was well attended with over 300 volunteers pitching in a total of about 600 hours—the equivalent of one person working full time for 15 weeks! The clean up was followed by a concert held on the seawall featuring Brett Dennen and John Butler of the John Butler Trio. The event was a true collaboration between the many groups that care about the environment and Ocean Beach in particular!

Complaints received by Surfrider Foundation's **Ventura Chapter** and investigated by Santa Barbara Channelkeeper (SBCK) lead to the issuance of a Notice of Violation to an oil extraction facility that was illegally discharging dirty water to a creek that discharged onto Solimar Beach. The SBCK has partnered with Surfrider Foundation volunteers to sample water from the Ventura River once every month for several years.

**Chapter Executive Committee member, Cynthia Hartley**, won first place at the Ventura College Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day event for her poster on Ocean Friendly Gardens (OFG). The Chapter initiated an OFG campaign to promote awareness of landscaping choices everyone can make to reduce the quantity of urban run-off that reaches the beach. **The Ventura Chapter's Watershed Coordinator, Paul Jenkin**, gave a presentation on the Matilija dam project and ecosystem-based management at the same event that was very well attended and reached a new audience.

Under guidance from Paul Jenkin, the Chapter has begun using GIS to map the urban watershed of Ventura to better portray opportunities where "greenscaping" can be used in place of pavement to create more pervious surfaces and reduce the impacts of storm water runoff. The Chapter welcomes new members and volunteers for a wide variety of activities. Check out our web page at [www.surfrider.org/ventura/](http://www.surfrider.org/ventura/) or contact our volunteer coordinator Kristi Birney at: [krisitbirney@gmail.com](mailto:krisitbirney@gmail.com)

Surfrider Foundation's **West LA/Malibu Chapter** welcomed in an entirely new Executive Committee in December 2007. Goals for 2008 include continuing efforts on the access issue at Latigo Beach, launching a youth water-testing program in West Los Angeles, and beginning outreach and education on the Ocean Friendly Gardens program.

Surfrider Foundation's **South Bay Chapter** was successful in a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles for approving a massive development project in historic wetlands. The victory means that construction on the second phase of the massive Playa Vista development project has come to a complete halt until the City can prepare an adequate environmental impact report and change the zoning of the project area. During that time, the Chapter intends to promote—using a portion of the project site as a "treatment wetland"—for the clean up of polluted water running off the developed areas and a nearby light industrial area and residential community. This is just the beginning of a much larger campaign to advocate for a network of treatment wetlands in the entire Ballona Creek watershed.

After years of diligent advocacy, Surfrider Foundation's **Long Beach Chapter** successfully convinced its City Council to approve and finance a "reconnaissance study" to review the benefits of reconfiguring and potentially eliminating portions of the Long Beach Breakwater. This is just the first step in a long process to achieve the goals of cleaning up pollution in the harbor area and allowing waves to reach a long stretch of coast that has been unnecessarily denied ocean recreational opportunities that were once a famous attraction to the area. Nonetheless, this first-step victory marks a dramatic change in the City's long-held opposition to the idea. It's onward and upward for the Long Beach Chapter's campaign to "Restore the Shore."



Paul Jenkin giving his GIS lecture.



The Huntington/Seal Beach Chapter partnered up with Mitzvah Corps for a recent beach cleanup.

In October 2007, Surfrider Foundation's **Huntington/Seal Beach Chapter** graciously welcomed Tom Jones to Seal Beach to show their support of his epic paddle along the Pacific coastline to raise awareness of the problem of plastic pollution in our oceans. The Chapter also welcomed in a fresh new Executive Committee at their "Meet/Greet" at Sam's Seafood. In addition to continuing efforts on the Desalination and Water Quality issues in their area, the Chapter is already out the gate in 2008 on their campaign to reduce Cigarette Butt litter, supporting the Rise Above Plastics campaign, and getting the word out on the Ocean Friendly Gardens program.

Surfrider Foundation's **Newport Beach Chapter** will hold the first annual RockWater run from Big Bear Lake to Newport Beach beginning at midnight following the spring equinox on Friday, March 21, 2008. Participants will choose a distance that is comfortable to them as they substitute in and out for each other during the 100-mile course expected to end around sunset on March 22, 2008.

"With this event, we hope to educate the public on the large area that contributes to the pollution of our beaches and ocean," says **Chapter Chair and Event Coordinator Robyn Jepsen**. The run will raise awareness of water quality along the Santa Ana Watershed from the mouth of Big Bear Lake to the ocean near Newport Beach. The watershed starts in the San Bernardino Mountains and makes its way through three counties covering over 2,800 square miles of land and is home to over 4.8 million people. Along the way, pollutants are picked up and discharged into the ocean, impacting Newport Beach and neighboring coastal communities. To represent the pollutants that are gathered and carried from the watershed to the ocean, all participating runners will meet at mile 97 to run the last 3 miles and cross the finish line. To participate please contact Robyn Vettraino at: [Robyn@surfridernb.org](mailto:Robyn@surfridernb.org) or Amber Reedy at: [amber\\_r\\_reedy@yahoo.com](mailto:amber_r_reedy@yahoo.com)

Surfrider Foundation's **South Orange County Chapter** hosted its 2nd Annual Holiday Party to benefit the Save Trestles Campaign, raising over \$13,000 in one evening. The silent auction featured mega gift baskets from some of the top surf & skate brands, as well as artwork donated from notables like **John Severson, Paul Bryan, Robert Leland Pence, Craig Coppola, Jeff Yeomans** and many more well-known surf artists and photographers. Entertainment was provided by *Crush, So Cal Girls Rock, The Jive Kings, Cram Brothers* and the *Blues Offenders*. Surfboards on auction featured a **Laird Hamilton** stand-up surfboard, and boards from shapers DanO, Pavel, Hobie, Ellis, Patterson and more. The Chapter recently conceived and produced a 30- and 60-second broadcast commercial to run in Southern California to support the Save Trestles campaign, which features an original score by **Marty Benson** and voice-over by **Huell Howser**. The broadcast and internet campaign has a call-to-action for families and individuals to become aware and get involved to

help Save Trestles before the California Coastal Commission meeting in early February.

**\*UPDATE:** the California Coastal Commission in a vote of 8-2 rejected the toll road proposal! For details go to [www.savetrestles.org](http://www.savetrestles.org)

Surfrider Foundation's **San Diego Chapter member—and activist involved in the Rise Above Plastics campaign—Jon Severino**, convinced the 600-employee biotech company for which he works to start a company-wide recycling program. The program addressed not only paper and food and beverages containers used by employees, but also the industrial plastics left over from its manufacturing processes. He established a recycling committee and worked with the local waste disposal company to take their industrial plastic. After many months of hard work, the recycling committee celebrated with a company sponsored happy hour using cups and utensils made from corn, which will be ordered for their lunch break rooms. Over 400 people from the company attended. Everyone received a coffee mug, which they were able to personalize from a decoration table.

Along with a poster on display from Algalita Marine Research Foundation, the company also had posters illustrating how its offices, lab, and manufacturing recycling programs work as well as images of plastic's impact on the environment.

Jon reported, "it was great to see everyone enjoy the happy hour, but it has been even better to see everyone using their mugs since then. The graphics on the mug are oriented so that when people carry them with their right hand, the "Wash It, Don't Toss It" message stands out. It was great to see the VP of human resources walking around with his mug."

#### PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Surfrider Foundation's **Portland Chapter** is beginning the year with increased planning and some fresh faces within the executive council. The council is working out their annual calendar and planning for even greater coastal support and strategic fundraising efforts for 2008. Last year's planning efforts led to one of the Chapter's most successful strategic decisions: to fundraise and hire a legal clerk for supporting high level coastal and statewide campaigns. **Liz Crosson, Surfrider Foundation Oregon Legal Clerk**, has been well engaged in Surfrider Foundation's statewide efforts for stakeholder representation in wave energy projects and coastal campaigns like the Georgia Pacific Pulp Mill Wastewater Permit. Recently, Liz helped set up a meeting with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Surfrider Foundation's Oregon Environmental Issues Team to discuss the pulp mill wastewater permit campaign.

"Our goals for this meeting are simply to get an update on DEQ's permit reconsideration efforts, as well as have a dialogue on issues presented in the permit between our technical team and DEQ staff," says Crosson.

Thanks to Surfrider Foundation **Central Coast Chapter's** efforts with partner organizations, DEQ agreed to reconsider the pulp mill's wastewater permit in October 2006, but have yet to release an updated permit.

The Chapter's Blue Water Task Force Program—over the course of two years of water quality testing—determined that bacteria concentrations at the Agate Beach Wayside were often elevated well above the public health advisory level. The Chapter's campaign focuses were to source and mitigate the bacterial pollution as well as provide the public with better information about the contamination on the beach and inform the public of the advisories when issued. Through persistent work, Agate Beach was incorporated into the State's Beach Monitoring Program and signage was posted when needed. Inspection of the upper watershed by the Chapter led to the discovery of manholes located along Big Creek (which outfalls at Agate wayside) that were occasionally overflowing with raw sewage. In 2006, the Chapter began lobbying the city for an investigation to the cause of the overflows and an effort to solve the problem.

VICTORY! In the fall of 2007, the city was finally able to hire a contractor for infiltration and visual inspections of the sewage lines along Big Creek. The inspections led to the discovery of two infiltration breaches, that were allowing significant amounts of stormwater to enter the sewer line; thus, causing overloading on the Big Creek pump station and spilling sewage out of the manholes and into Big Creek. The breaches were repaired through a “resin-cure” or “pipe patch” method without digging up any of the riparian area around the creek.

Local Surfrider Foundation activists have won a victory for public access. The Lane County commissioners, responding to considerable pressure, rescinded the \$3 day use fee they had imposed simply for taking in the view at Harbor Vista County Park, known popularly among locals as Chicken Point. For many, frequenting the point is a daily morning ritual, and the view allows surfers, fishermen, and other ocean users to check conditions at the jetties and Siuslaw River Bar. Area residents and Surfrider Foundation activists responded swiftly by gathering over 250 signatures on a petition to eliminate the fee, as well as provided crucial public testimony to the Lane County Board of Commissioners. **West Lane Commissioner Bill Fleenor** championed the cause and quickly instructed park staff to remove the user fee sign from the viewing area. Many thanks to **Gus** for leading the charge, and **Mark, John, Scott, Seth** and **Charlie** for giving public testimony to the board, and cheers to our friends at The Sportsman and Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition CoastWatch program for all their help in this victory!

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, issued a violation letter on December 19, 2007, to the City of Port Angeles, Washington, contractor Glacier Construction Services Inc., for placing dredged or fill material in the Strait of Juan de Fuca for the Port Angeles landfill slope stabilization project near Port Angeles Point and Muskets, two local surf locations. The ill-conceived and poorly-managed landfill project was publicly and procedurally opposed by Surfrider Foundation’s **Olympic Peninsula Chapter** back in 2005 and is partially located on a public beach, which was featured on the Winter 05-06 cover of *Making Waves*. The violation notice to the City of Port Angeles contractor was for placing fill material water-ward of the seawall and for placing fill material for a road in Dry Creek, a stream located a short distance to the west. In October of 2007, the landfill project contractor encountered waste oil while excavating the beach for the seawall foundation. Seven thousand gallons of oily water and 170 cubic yards of contaminated sediment were removed from the seaward side of the retaining wall on the beach according to the Washington Department of Ecology ([www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/incidents/palandfill/palandfill.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/incidents/palandfill/palandfill.html)).

The landfill slope stabilization project was designed to partially remove waste material from an old landfill “cell” located on the beach bluff, and cover waste with fill material and build a seawall at the toe of the slope to prevent erosion from destabilizing the slope.



Original excavation on October 5, 2007 a few hours after the oil was discovered.



Activists at our “Snowed In” event.

Recently, Surfrider Foundation’s **Seattle Chapter** participated in a “Get Snowed In” event at Pyramid Brewery with the benefits going to Surfrider Foundation’s Snowrider educational project. The show’s headlining bands were *The Presidents of the United States* and *The Dandy Warhols*. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event possible. We will see you on the mountain this winter. The second program that the Chapter will be working on this winter will bring awareness to the dangers of plastic bags in the environment. The Chapter will be selling reusable bags to raise awareness to make Seattle plastic and Styrofoam free. To get involved and learn more about the campaign, e-mail Alicia Zeoli at: [powderskirt@yahoo.com](mailto:powderskirt@yahoo.com)

## EAST COAST

Surfrider Foundation’s **Connecticut Chapter** closed out 2007, their first full year as an active Chapter, recruiting over 300 new members. The Chapter is actively fighting what has so far been a successful battle against Broadwater, a proposed liquefied natural gas facility. Broadwater would be a 1200-ft LNG distribution ship, permanently sited in Long Island Sound, an environmentally threatened estuary bordered by Connecticut’s shore. The Chapter has provided testimony at two Broadwater hearings in Connecticut and is currently waiting for New York State, which also borders the Sound, to make its case against the facility.

In 2008, the Chapter will feature an exhibit about water quality conservation in the new Connecticut Science Center, and is also unveiling the “Hold Onto Your Butts Program,” distributing cigarette containers at Connecticut State beaches to encourage visitors to take their butts with them when they leave. This was made possible by a grant from Patagonia of Westport. Support from Sobe has also enabled the Chapter to raise funds and environmental awareness at several events such as the Milford Oyster Festival, and the Mystic Day Parade. Another sponsor, BAR, of New Haven, provided a grant for a statewide Storm Drain Marker design contest among school children. The Chapter anticipates another busy year and although the Sound doesn’t have big waves, the Chapter is looking to make their own.

Recently, Surfrider Foundation’s **Cape Fear Chapter Chair, Sean Ahlum**, successfully filed an appeal with the Wrightsville Beach Planning Department to protest the construction of a fence at the Murchison property, which would effectively block off Public Beach Access 33.

“Surfrider Foundation’s **Cape Fear Chapter**, on behalf of the general public, opposes the issuance of a fence building permit issued to close off



Young grommet learns to handle a board at the Connecticut Chapter's Beach Bash in Milford, CT.

Public Beach Access 33," Ahlum's appeal states. "This is and has been a public beach access for over 40 years. We believe it should remain open to public use."

The town of Wrightsville Beach then revoked Alex Murchison's fence permit and notified him to halt construction of the fence. Cape Fear Chapter member, Jim Mincher, said the organization's appeal is based on the issue of prescriptive easement. (A prescriptive easement is a right-of-way over private property established by uninterrupted use of the land by the public for a set statutory period of time.) During the Nov. 9, 2006, Board of Aldermen meeting, town attorney John Wessell said he believed the town had a strong claim for a prescriptive easement, but the board voted 3-2 to abandon the claim. The Chapter's appeal references a 1962 resolution by the Wrightsville Beach Board of Aldermen to close off the east and west ends of Seashore Street in conjunction with the purchase of the Blockade Runner site by the East Coast Hotel Company. According to state law, when a municipality closes a public street, ownership reverts to the adjacent property owners.

At the November 1962 board meeting, private citizens voiced concerns about retaining beach access at the Murchison's' property, but officials present said they didn't anticipate the family would restrict that access. Nearly 45 years later, Mary Gornto, one of three Murchison siblings, notified the town of her family's intention to close the access by Oct. 1, 2006, after receiving a tax bill for the additional property. Under intense public pressure, Wrightsville Beach officials attempted to negotiate an agreement with the Murchison family, but talks eventually broke down last June.

Mincher said all Surfrider Foundation is asking for is to set aside five feet of the additional 20 feet added to the Murchison's' property as a result of the Seashore Street closure. "If the Murchison's would agree to that, and go back into talks with the town, we would pull the appeal of the fence in a heartbeat," Mincher said

Boston area members were treated to a screening of the film "Ishmael" at the Other Side Café courtesy of Surfrider Foundation's **Massachusetts Chapter**. There were prizes and giveaways and one lucky rider won the

snowboard raffle, a perfect setup for the Snowrider project events planned at Sugarbush mountain in February.

Surfrider Foundation's **Rhode Island Chapter** started a campaign for year-round water quality testing in the Ocean State. The Chapter began by extending their successful May through October BWTF program into the winter and early spring months. They hope their data will convince the state Department of Environmental Management to expand their testing as well.

"Free the Montauk 8" was the theme at a Surfrider Foundation **Eastern Long Island Chapter** fundraiser held for this specific purpose. "The Montauk 8" are eight surfers who received tickets for surfing at Montauk Point State Park. The Chapter's campaign is to make surfing legal at the Point and a successful defense in court is one of the goals. Local surf cartoonist Peter Spacek custom made a shirt for the event saying, "Surfing is not a Crime."

The Chapter is also forging ahead with their campaign to move the Montauk Lighthouse. Chapter leaders met with local elected officials in an effort to have them reconsider their position on a rock revetment at the base of the Lighthouse. The Chapter maintains that moving the lighthouse is the best solution in the long run.

Surfrider Foundation's **New York City Chapter** got some great exposure on local public television with the airing of "Treasures in the Harbor" a program about all the National Parks in the NY City area. It featured **Chapter activist, Chris Wade**, and his work with local kids cleaning up beaches and fixing dunes in Gateway National Recreation Area. There was also some pretty hot surfing and it all can be seen at [www.thirteen.org/nycparks](http://www.thirteen.org/nycparks)

Surfrider Foundation's **Jersey Shore Chapter** scored two major victories in its state capitol recently. First, a bill was passed that will require a public hearing to be held whenever a beach replenishment project goes forward. Chapter members sent hundreds of hand written letters and Action Alerts urging legislators to pass this. **Chapter activist, Dave Storch**, even got his town of Brick, NJ to pass a resolution in support of the state bill.



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Back Row: Chris Manthey (New York City), Debbie Davis (Sebastian Inlet), Erin Handy (First Coast), Rick Hayes (Sebastian Inlet), TJ Marshall & Jennifer Coberly (South Florida), Larry Hart (First Coast), Beth & Ken Lindeman (Sebastian Inlet) First Row: Bill Rosenblatt (Jersey Shore), Kerry Smith (Palm Beach County) Terry & Ericka Gibson (D'Avanzo) (Treasure Coast), John McMurray (New York City), Ben D'Avanzo (Rhode Island).

**We would like to congratulate newlyweds Ericka & Terry Gibson. We proudly take credit for this “love connection” as the two of them met through their mutual involvement with Surfrider Foundation.**

As part of the **Coastal Ocean Coalition**, Surfrider Foundation helped pass legislation that will make New Jersey's Dept. of Environmental Protection move towards Ecosystem Based Management and establish an Ocean Protection Council. New Jersey now joins the growing number of states with policies in support of Ecosystem-based Management as recommended by the **Joint Commission on Ocean Policy**.

Surfrider Foundation's **South Jersey Chapter** was a spectacular host for the Northeast /Mid Atlantic Chapter Conference in Somers Point, NJ. Outgoing Chapter Co-Chair **Steve Mullen** did a fantastic job in securing the Greate Bay Country Club, whose great food and comfortable accommodations were much appreciated. The first day kicked off with local **Congressman Frank LoBiondo** who addressed the activists hailing from Maine to Virginia Beach. The next day National staff members **Angela Howe** and **Mara Dias** gave presentations on legal issues and the BEACH bill, respectively.

## ISLANDS

Surfrider Foundation's **Kaua'i Chapter** played an important role in the recent battle against Hawaii's Superferry. The ferry was forced thru the regulatory process without an environmental review in spite of the fact that the Councils of all the Neighbor Islands called for Republican Governor Linda Lingle to insist on an Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.). The Hawaii's Supreme Court agreed with the Sierra Club and Surfrider Foundation that an E.I.S. should have been done, but a special legislature session was called to overturn the court's ruling. Unfortunately, the legislators choose not to listen to their constituents and allowed the ferry to operate. In this small island of 65,000 people, a thousand people protested the ferry's arrival. Surfers and canoes met the ferry as it entered the harbor and blocked them on two occasions.

When the governor came to Kaua'i and threatened activists with arrest and jail, hundreds of people shouted her down in angry defiance. The ferry is now running from Honolulu to Maui, but they are afraid to come to Kaua'i. Citizens of Kaua'i are passionate about defending their beautiful island.

The Chapter does monthly beach cleanups and helped sponsor a sustainability conference in October.

Surfrider Foundation's **Maui Chapter** helped organize a rally against the Superferry that drew about 150 peaceful (yet noisy) demonstrators to Kahului Harbor. The 350-foot Alakai arrived on a Thursday morning in December after a three-hour voyage to Maui and was met by groups split between the beach at Kahului Harbor and Kaahumanu Avenue. The protesters were kept at a distance by a half-dozen U.S. Coast Guard and Department of Land and Natural Resources boats, rigid-hull inflatables and at least one personal watercraft. A Coast Guard helicopter hovered overhead.

When the ferry entered the harbor—which was under a temporary security zone, except for about 200 yards from the beach near Hoaloha Park—two banner-bearing activists on surfboards and another two in canoes met it. However, the protesters all stayed outside of the restricted area of the harbor, and they even chatted politely with Coast Guard personnel in the water.

Near street corners, a few dozen protesters carried signs saying, “Impeach (Gov. Linda) Lingle” and “Boycott the Superferry.” None of the protesters approached the cars coming off of the Superferry or banged on their windows, as happened in August during protests at Nawiliwili Harbor on Kaua'i. Superferry critics, including the Surfrider Foundation have maintained inter-island service will bring more people, traffic and invasive species to neighbor islands while jeopardizing endangered humpback whales that spend winter months in Hawaiian waters. Ferry supporters want an alternative mode of transportation between Oahu and neighbor islands.

## HAWAII SUPERFERRY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In August, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled the state Department of Transportation erred by waiving a requirement to do an environmental assessment that was triggered by \$40 million in ferry-related harbor improvements. Second Circuit Judge Joseph Cardoza followed the high court's ruling with a restraining order blocking the ferry from entering Kahului Harbor. He later ruled an environmental assessment would need to be done before the ferry resumed operations. That led to a special legislative session in which lawmakers and Gov. Lingle eventually enacted a law to allow the Superferry to operate while an environmental review of harbor improvements is being done.



JUSTIN HEDANI

# SLATER AND THE GOVERNOR

By Deirdra Funcheon

Recently, Kelly Slater hit up his old stomping grounds—Roosevelt Elementary School in Cocoa Beach—to meet with Florida Governor Charlie Crist and a few hundred adoring groms. The event's mission was twofold: Crist was signing Senate Bill 1472, a piece of legislation that protects public access to beaches, and Slater was accepting a nomination to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, a group designed to promote healthy living and stop obesity among kids.

"To have surfing recognized at a mainstream level is a new thing for us," Slater said, thanking the Governor. He then told the kids assembled in the school's auditorium, "The message I want to send is go and do what you love. It's great that what I love to do makes me healthy."

Governor Crist said he was psyched to sign legislation that "focuses on doing what's right" while also "honoring God's creation."

Slater then said "I want to get him in the water!" and presented Crist with a Biofoam surfboard—partially biodegradable and made largely of soybeans—shaped by Cocoa local Tom Neilson.

The governor humbly revealed that he'd only surfed once and "It didn't turn out so well!"

Surfrider Foundation had worked for months to help craft Senate Bill 1472 (specifically, we made sure that the public-access component, "The Open Beaches Amendment," was attached to the bill) and to push it through the state legislature. The measure will preserve the public's right to access the beach and protect beach users and sea turtles from the harmful affects caused by an experimental form of coastal armoring. The bill received unanimous passage through both the Florida House and Senate, allowing Florida to join such states as California, Texas and Oregon in establishing a formalized beach-access protection policy.

Surfrider Foundation members **Rob Yunk, Rick Hayes, Ian McKeown, and Deirdra Funcheon** all helped make the bill-signing event a great success, while Surfrider Foundation staffers **Erica D'Avanzo and TJ Marshall** did most of the hard work in Tallahassee. Marshall, in fact, was the one who suggested Slater be added to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. Slater said he hopes to add skin protection to the Council's priorities, mentioning his work with the World Skin Cancer Foundation.

Before the ceremony, Slater confided, "I get about 100 boards a year. As a surfer, that's great. But when you think of all the toxic chemicals and the waste and the fumes [that go into surfboard construction], I'm not the most environmentally-sound person."

With the surfing great finally retiring from the world tour in 2008, Slater said he hoped to be more involved with Surfrider Foundation in the coming year. He is already a member of the National Advisory Board.



Eight-time World Champ Kelly Slater and Florida Governor Charlie Crist.



Kelly Slater and the kids of Roosevelt Elementary School in Cocoa Beach.



SCOTT WERNY



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Activists protest Department of Land and Natural Resources proposed amendment to Hawai'i Administrative Rules Section 13-233, which would allow harbors statewide to charge a fee for parking.

Surfrider Foundation's **Oahu Chapter** gathered dozens of surfers, boaters, paddlers and fishermen to protest the Department of Land and Natural Resources proposed amendment to Hawai'i Administrative Rules Section 13-233, which would allow harbors statewide to charge a fee for parking.

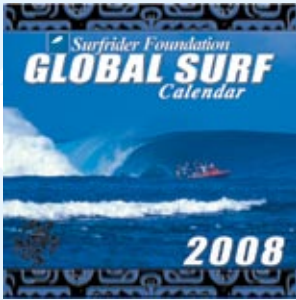
Common Ground Hawai'i, a coalition that consists of Surfrider Foundation's Oahu Chapter, Da Hui O He'e Nalu and Save Our Kaka'ako organized an event in which protesters lined Ala Moana Boulevard. One of the first harbors to be affected by this rule change is Ala Wai Harbor, which has proposed contracting a private parking management company and installing a gate to the entrance of the harbor. Drivers would have to pull a ticket to enter and pay as they leave. The weekend's march was designed to show that the people do not support the rule change. According to surfer and activist **Melissa Ling-Ing**, this is the only access to some of the best surf sites on the south shore of Oahu.

Besides the access issue, Ling-Ing is concerned the matter could turn into a safety issue. "People, who can't afford to pay the undisclosed parking rates, may park at Ala Moana Park and try to cross the harbor channel to surf and dive outside of Ala Wai Harbor," says Ling-Ing.

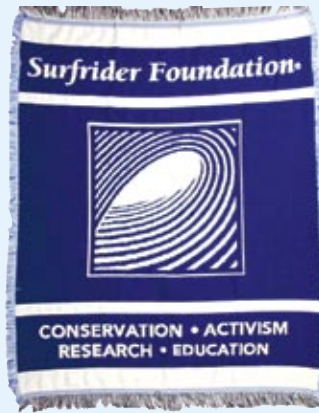
The Chapter and Common Ground Hawai'i have collected more than 1,500 signatures in opposition of DLNR's proposed administrative rule change.

Former Surfrider Foundation Board Member and Chairman Glenn W. Stockwell lost his five-month battle with cancer on Tuesday, 1-29-2008. He was a good friend of and advocate for Surfrider Foundation at both the local and national level. His efforts were an example to all. We will miss you Glenn.

# SURFRIDER FOUNDATION FEATURED MERCHANDISE



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12-month calendar showcases surf spots from around the world  
**\$12.95**



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